

The Mountain Advocate.

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN KNOX COUNTY

New Series: Vol. VII, No. 42.

BARBOURVILLE, KY., FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 1917.

\$1.00 per Year In Advance

JOSIAH'S GOOD REIGN

Comment on Last Sunday's
Sunday School Lesson by
Mrs. Sallie Lytle Hatton.

There are many agents in the service of God. Often "where tiny footprints touch the ground" the story of His tender mercies is best told.

The violet bursting from the earth in its beautiful form and color, smiling with its teary eye from its lowly home, modestly wafting its gentle greeting on the fragrant air catches the hearts of an army of violet picking girls extending from the lakes to the gulf and from sea to sea. As gifts from friend to friend they carry their message on. The artist takes up the story and tells it on the canvass. The poet takes up the spirit and tells it in his lyrics. The Master tells it on his violin. Thus it is given to all the world, to the rich and poor, to the high and low, the good and bad, to the gay and sad—to all who will receive it.

Men are used in this agency. Some one man must meet the "burning bush" or see the light above the brightness of the sun as the apostle Paul saw on the Damascus road. Some one consecrated heart must give it voice. All great causes like the rivers can be traced to their source. Single bugle blasts have been setting hearts on fire all down the march of ages. Jehovah needs a consecrated heart for a torch. Our lesson today shows that he uses such instrumentalities.

Josiah rescued the kingdom of Judah from heathen idolatry and gave the brightest glory to its history since the days of David. The reign of Josiah beautifully exemplifies the worth of the proverb "Remember now, thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

Our lesson of last Sunday was on Manasseh the bad son of a good father. His was a life of forgetfulness, disobedience, sin and crime until he finds himself and his people captives under a heathen king. Josiah the good king was a son of a bad father and a bad grand-father, but a mother may become God's agent and she may have guided his life and spirit aright. Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign. "He did that which was right in the sight of the Lord." Starting out so successfully at this age we realize that he had learned obedience. The boy is father to the man and eight years later at the age of sixteen we see the obedient child, Josiah transformed to a youth, "seek-

ing God." Four years after this, at the age of twenty we find him transformed to a statesman and patriot. Cleansing his country of idolatry and beating to dust its idols of wood and stone. At the age of twenty-six we find him preparing the house of God for a revival of religion and the worship of Jehova. It is at this time the Law of Moses is found which is the book of Deuteronomy.

How it fills us with encouragement to know of this transforming grace of God leading us on to the perfect day. On the other hand we know that we can go deeper and deeper into sin.

There is a story that the great artist DeVinci when he wanted to paint the "Christ Child" he found a boy with a most beautiful countenance which he used as a model from which he painted the inspiring picture. Years afterwards he wanted to paint "The Last Supper" and wanted the vilest countenance he could find for the model of Judas the traitor. He found one which answered the purpose and it was the same man from which he had painted the "Christ Child." Drink and sin had left their stamp on the countenance which his Creator had given him.

"Ye are the temples of the living God." Like Josiah we need to learn of God and to seek him. Our lives like those people of Jerusalem are surrounded by vanities. We should overthrow the idols and make room for the bible and God's grace. Let us seek to purify the altars of our hearts, revive the spirit and plant the seed of immortal life.

Royal Arch Masons Have Good Time

Last Thursday night Barbourville Chapter held a special meeting, at which three were exalted to the degrees. There were several present, and there never was better work done nor a better time had; every one present had the time of his life. W. J. Cole, Bert Churchill and Dr. C. M. Kelton, were the victims and believe me, they will remember that memorable night so long as they live. There will be another meeting on Saturday, August the 25th, at which time there will be some five or six that will wend their way to that shrine that makes men live closer to his neighbor and brother as well as his God. All Royal Arch Masons are welcome and urged to attend these meetings, especially the visitors that are within our gates.

Robert W. Cole, H. P.
W. W. Tinsley, Secy.

BIG OIL COMPANY

Kentuckians and New Yorkers Unite In
Organization of the Majestic Oil
Company

\$2,000,000.00 CORPORATION

The Majestic Oil Company, a \$2,000,000 concern, of which M. H. Thatcher, former Governor of the Panama Canal Zone is the head, is beginning a big drilling campaign in the old Wayne-McCreary County Oil Fields.

Governor Thatcher is one of the most active oil men in the state. He and his associates have been fortunate, after careful negotiations running through many months, in getting a large acreage in the heart of the well developed and well defined oil field which has been producing and marketing oil for nearly twenty years. More than 5,000,000 barrels of oil have been produced in this field.

These gentlemen were offered property in newer and less developed fields in Kentucky and elsewhere at very much less money. But they chose the safer course and acquired property at much greater expense in a field which is not such a speculation.

Among other prominent men who are associated with Governor Thatcher are Robert W. Cole, Cashier of the First National Bank, Barbourville; Dr. E. S. Moss, President of the First National Bank, Williamsburg; W. Godfrey Hunter, former member of Congress from this district, who for twenty years has been a leading factor in the industrial

upbuilding of Southeastern Kentucky not only in the coal and oil fields but in the public utilities of our section.

These gentlemen have made arrangements for further financing the Majestic Oil Company through Messrs. J. E. Mason & Co., 30 Broad street, New York, a well known financial house. The company expect to spend more than \$100,000 within the next few months drilling their McCreary county property. This will mean much to our section of the state.

This company has gone to great expense to employ the best engineering and geological experts to assist in making the locations of wells to be drilled.

The fourth well was drilled into the Corder sand at about 450 feet and the well filled up with about 100 feet of oil in a few minutes. Experienced oil men think this well good for more than 100 barrels. The well will be drilled deeper to also get oil in the two lower sands so that one pumping unit may pump oil from three sands with the same effort.

Every effort is being made that that money and experience will permit to enable the Majestic Oil Company to produce and market oil at the least expense. The pipe line is already taking oil from the three completed wells.

Another Row.

Last Monday evening about 7 o'clock, one colored gentleman who resides on Fighting Creek, near the Fair Grounds, came into town and started a rough house in the Arcade in front of the Advocate office, with another of his color named James Clark, and took a shot at the said Clark; Clark returned the salute and went him one better with the result that after the smoke had cleared up that the said Cole, had a gunshot wound in his left leg, just missing the artery, and one Chester Love, who was in the melee was also the happy possessor of a like souvenir in exactly the same place that Cole got his.

It is said that these fellows were imbibing freely of the essence of corn, but that Jim Clark, the man who did the marking, was duly sober.

The parties present and who know most about it, say, that George Cole had mistreated Clark's wife, and that Clark asked him about it, and they had some words, Clark went his way and was coming to the Hotel where he works, when Cole and Love were in waiting and as Clark appeared upon the scene, Cole took two shots at him, Clark returned the fire with the results stated above. Clark shot three times, one going astray. As long as "hell-buck" is made and distributed, that long will we have just such altercations. Cole was arrested by Policeman G. M. Golden, and after Dr. Logan had made some minor repairs, took him over and placed him in the tender and loving care (?) of Frank J. Mitchell the jailer, to await the action of the grand jury which will meet the first Monday in next month.

Twin Baby Dies.

The family of Mr. F. R. Barner, was grieved to learn that one of the twin boys of their daughter Mrs. R. L. Caudill died last week in Colorado City, Colo., where they had gone to spend the hot summer months from their home in Hobart, Oklahoma. The little fellow was sick at their home, and through the family physicians advice they went to Colorado they were accompanied there by Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bowersock, where they are staying at present.

MASS MEETING.

The mass meeting which was announced for Tuesday evening was postponed until next Tuesday evening at half past seven o'clock on account of Mr. Farmer's sudden death. It was thought a number of the friends and relatives would probably not be present who are interested in the work the citizens of Barbourville wish accomplished at the cemetery. So every member of the board of directors of the cemetery, and every citizen of the town who have loved ones buried at the cemetery, are earnestly urged to be present at this meeting. Remember the date and time, next Tuesday at 7:30 P. M.

I Thank You.

To the people of Knox County:— I shall always feel grateful to my many friends in Knox county who stood so loyally by me at the recent primary election, and I desire to thank all who gave me their support, for their confidence and friendship. Altho we were matched against great odds and handicapped by the circulation of numerous falsehoods, my friends

nevertheless helped me to make a splendid fight. And to those who opposed me and voted for some other candidate I have not the slightest ill will. I propose to support every Republican candidate nominated at the August primary including the nominee James S. Golden, for County Attorney. I am that kind of a Republican. I was defeated because the other fellow got more votes than I did, but I want to say that I appreciate my friends just the same. I shall always remember and love the folks of Knox county for the many kindnesses shown me in the past and especially during the progress of the campaign just closed. I am,

Yours truly,
Sol T. Steele.

"Heap Big Fun"

Tenopitoulas Tribe No. 111, Imp. O. R. M. meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. They are the jolly bunch; they will take your scalp and wampum, lead you through the unknown and unbroken forest of life, they will bring you to their own teepee and give you of their corn and venison, pour oil into the wounds, if any you have, stay by you when sickness or death overtakes you or any member of your family, they will wipe the tear from the eye of you widow, educate and clothe your orphans, they will defend your fair name and stay by you when in adversity. Come and see them, they are a good bunch of scouts.

T. S. Fuller, Sachem.
J. M. Wilson, C. of R.

Card of Thanks.

Barbourville, Ky.,
Aug. 11th, 1917.

To My Friends:

I wish to express to each of you my sincere thanks for your loyal support in the recent primary. I consider it a very great honor to have had the support of 1,299 men and women for the responsible office of superintendent of schools, and hope that I may have an opportunity to personally express my appreciation. It is not necessary to assure you that I will cooperate in every way for the continued progress of our schools.

Yours very truly,
Sarah J. Hughes.

Produce Wanted.

I will be found in the Sevier's building at the rear of J. & H. L. Millers store. —I pay cash for all kinds of produce. Old hens 12c; eggs, market price, roosters, 7c; frying chickens under 2 lbs 20c; Ducks full feathered 12c; Turkeys, 14c. I buy hides, Ginseng, Yellow Root &c.

W. R. GIBSON & Co.

BARBOURVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

The City High School Will
Begin Monday, September
3rd, 1917.

The following compose the faculty for the coming year.

Hugh M. Oldfield, B. S., Supt., Math. and Science; Bertha V. King, B. A., Latin and English; Wm. C. Faulkner, History and 8th Grade; Mary Ligon, 6th A 7th Grade; Elizabeth Whaley, 5th and 6th B Grade; Ota V. Barton, 3rd and 4th Grade; Zella Pelly, 2nd Grade; Catherine McSpadden, 1st Grade; Lallah R. Johnson, Kindergarten; Lou Faulkner, Piano; Dorothea Brown, Expression; Nancye Faulkner, Art.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Dr. W. C. Black, President; Mr. W. S. Jarvis, Sec'y. and Treas.; Dr. A. L. Parker, Trustee; Mr. F. W. Scent, Trustee; Mr. Ernest Cannon, Trustee.

Prof. Oldfield will begin his fourth year as Supt. of our City High School and is planning to make this a more successful year even than the other years of his administration, since he has spent the summer making special study of School Supervision and Administration at Ohio State University and has many new ideas and plans which are certain to prove beneficial.

Miss King is a college graduate and has had several years of successful High School teaching, having specialized in Latin and English. The fact that she has taught in the same High School for three years should be proof of her fine qualifications.

Prof. Faulkner needs no introduction, as he has a record that can hardly be equaled by anyone; he has taught in our school for 16 years and we hope he will be there for next 16 years. He will teach High School History and 8th grade.

Miss Ligon, who taught at Union last year, is also well-known and needs no words as to her qualifications. She will have the 7th grade and the A division of the 6th grade. We are indeed fortunate in securing her services.

Miss Whaley, who is to have the B division of the 6th grade and the 5th grade has an enviable record at Pineville having taught there for several years and makes a valuable addition to our faculty.

Miss Barton will be with us again and will teach the 3rd and 4th grades. She has been taking

(Continued on page 3.)

W. R. LAY, Acting Pres. J. S. MILLER, V. Pres. J. R. JONES, Cashier

The National Bank of John A. Black "ROLL OF HONOR BANK"

Assets January 8, 1917 \$402,220.59
June 8, 1917 496,905.36

NET GAIN in ASSETS FOR FIVE MONTHS
\$94,684.77

If in need of financial assistance call on us, we are ready to extend assistance so all worthy enterprises, and take pleasure in accommodating our friends and patrons.

Open an account with us, we pay 3 per cent on time deposits.

The National Bank of John A. Black
BARBOURVILLE, KY.

J. M. Robison President F. R. Barner Vice Pres. R. W. Cole Cashier

Do business with the Roll of Honor Bank

We can and will help you
when you need it.

First National Bank
BARBOURVILLE KENTUCKY